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Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"May I know when he came to Madras?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I have no information."

Motor Vehicles Act

Status and pay of bus inspectors.

* 198 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place before the House a statement showing the number, status, pay or income of officers performing the function of inspectors of buses in the Madras City, and in various other places in the Presidency and the receipts of fees for inspection, for the year ending 30th June 1928?

A.—Information is not readily available and is being collected. When complete, the statement will be placed on the table.

Motor-car accidents in the Presidency.

* 199 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased—

(*a*) to place before the House a statement of motor-car and motor-bus accidents in the several districts of this Presidency resulting in deaths of human beings and grievous hurt to them during the six months ending 30th June 1928; and

(*b*) to state what steps Government have taken or contemplate taking to reduce such accidents?

A.—(*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*) Government of their own motion and on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Police and District Magistrates are amending the Motor Vehicles Rules so as to prevent accidents as far as possible.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I enquire as to why the Government did not keep a register of deaths due to serious accidents?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"The reason is obvious. The Government did not think it worth while to collect statistics of deaths caused on account of bus accidents all over the Presidency."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—"Do not Government think it their duty to have a record of human beings lost in such accidents?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"This information is available at the headquarters of the districts."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—"Did not the Government send for this information before they prepared this answer?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I did not think it an important matter."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"Is there no rule that all deaths arising out of accidents should be reported to the Government?"

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Do not the Government think that it is desirable to have such a record so that the Government may know as to how these deaths occurred ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I do not think it necessary."

Police

Age-limit for appointment of probationary Deputy Superintendents of Police.

* 200 Q.—Khan Bahadur P. KHALIF-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what age-limit is prescribed for appointment as probationary Deputy Superintendent of Police ;

(*b*) whether any distinction is made in the matter of age-limit in the case of candidates already in Government service applying for the above post ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a higher age-limit is prescribed for candidates already in Government service for appointment as Jailors and Deputy Jailors in the Jail Department ; and

(*d*) if so, whether the Government will consider the advisability of extending similar concession for candidates in Government service applying for appointment as Probationary Deputy Superintendent of Police ?

A.—(*a*) A candidate must be above 21 and under 23 years of age on the 1st August preceding the date of selection.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (*c*) of this question, may I know what is the age-limit fixed for candidates already in Government service for appointment as Jailors and Deputy Jailors in the Jail Department ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The age-limit fixed for candidates already in Government service for appointment as Jailors and Deputy Jailors is 32 and 28 respectively, and for those outside the Government service, 25 years in both cases."

Irrigation

Systematic execution of improvements to irrigation works.

* 201 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for more systematically carrying out improvements to irrigation works than is now done ?

A.—Instructions have been issued to the local officers for ensuring the systematic execution of kudimaramat works, and a copy of these instructions has been placed on the Council table in reply to question No. 9.